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First National Bank Draws Color Line!

Refusal to Accept Money From Colored Woman May Cause Trouble

The folly of race prejudice was exemplified in this city one day last week when a Colored woman, proprietor of the largest Colored Hotel in Tulsa went to the First National Bank of this city to make a deposit of money. She took \$250.00 to this bank to deposit for safe keeping, expecting to have several thousand dollars transferred to this institution from her home bank in a few days. But when she offered the money she was told that Colored peoples money was not wanted, and she turned away in great disgust and indignation. The woman was Mrs. Matt Sandrige who lately opened the Midway Hotel at 420 E. Archer street. Just why the bank refuse to accept Colored peoples money is not known. Certainly it is poor business judgment, and it is believed that Mrs. Sandrige could cause the bank some trouble if she so desires.

It is known that a number of Colored people have large sums of money on deposit in this bank and it is expected they will withdraw same when they learn of their attitude toward the race. No race loving man or woman can afford to leave their money in an institution of this kind. The Merchants and Planters Bank of this city is another bank which has always been very unfriendly to Colored people in this respect, but no one has paid much attention to it, because of the almost insignificance of the latter institution in the banking business. But now that one of the largest banking houses in the state have assumed this unfair and foolish attitude, and it being a National Bank too, the public has begun to regard it with seriousness. If a public institution of this kind with a national character is to be allowed to discriminate against any American citizen because of color or nationality what is to become of the American constitution which guarantees to every citizen, regardless of race, creed or color, protection of their rights under the law? Mrs. Sandrige is a free American citizen and the First National Bank is a public institution for the accommodation of the general public, and had no more right to refuse to accept her money because she was a colored woman than they have to refuse to accept money from a white woman because she is white.

It is not known now what action Mrs. Sandrige will take in the matter, but she doubtless has a remedy at law and it is hoped she will make an example of this case. Foolish race discrimination is far too prevalent all over Oklahoma, but the better class of white and colored citizens of Tulsa believe in fair play.

Rastus Brown Wins Contest

(Special to the Star) Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 8.—King Rastus Brown, of Louisville, Ky., the champion dancer of the United States, easily won the contest between himself and Jack Jennings Wiggins, of Atlanta, Ga. the champion dancer of the South, in Billy Kings Theatre here tonight, showing his superior ability and mastery over his opponent to a packed house. As a dancer, Brown has no equals. He is doubtless the greatest buck and wing dancer in the world, and entertains his audience with dances of all nationalities. Brown is 35 years old and says he is open to all comers—white or black—in the dancing game. He won the championship in Philadelphia in 1912.

Pow Wow Club Banquetted in Muskogee Town

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 2.—A very elaborate banquet was served in the Jones hall in this city yesterday by Mrs. Rebecca Turner, for the Indian Pow Wow Club.

The occasion was of much interest to the old timers and many of those present came many miles to be counted among the guests.

The decorations were green Mistletoe artistically arranged.

The feast as prepared by Madam Turner evidenced much skill and care.

Following is the names of those who were present, all of whom enjoyed themselves to the highest extent.

- Mr. James Young, Muskogee, Okla. Mrs. Hanah Perryman, Muskogee. Mrs. Olin Shapes, Muskogee. Mr. B. J. Jefferson, Boynton, Okla. Rev. D. Grim, Wainwright, Okla. Mr. L. Dady, Muskogee, Okla. Mr. Nelson Smith, Muskogee, Okla. Mr. L. E. Mackey, Muskogee, Okla. Mrs. Lulu Legons, Muskogee, Okla. Mrs. Martin Barnette, Wewoka, Ok. Mr. Dick Herrod, Wewoka, Okla. Mr. Booker Williams, Wewoka, Ok. Mrs. Eliza Millet, Wewoka, Okla. Rev. H. C. Reed, Boynton, Okla. John H. Escoe, Muskogee, Okla. K. H. Murrell, Muskogee, Okla. Henry Grayson. Anthony Grayson. Jessie Waran. Isaac Waron. J. C. Johnson, Wewauka, Okla. W. H. Rentle, Muskogee, Okla. H. G. W. Sango, Muskogee, Okla. Dave Roberts, Muskogee, Okla. Monday Durant, Boynton, Okla. Miss Nellie Sango, Muskogee, Okla. J. H. Lewis, Tallahassee, Okla. Thomas Lucky, Okmulgee, Okla. Annie Underwood, Wewauka, Ok. Lizzie Sanders, Wewauka, Okla. John Myers, Muskogee, Okla. Joe McIntosh, Muskogee, Okla. J. R. Grum, Muskogee, Okla. Frank Brown, Boynton, Okla. Jack Edmonds. C. J. Island, Dallas, Texas. Geo. Island. Mrs. Rebecca Browning, Muskogee. Mrs. Dollie Mason, Haskell, Okla. Mrs. Indiana Porter, Haskell, Okla. Ellis Cherry, Muskogee, Okla. Ella Gotla, Ft. Smith, Ark. Emma Porter, Muskogee, Okla. Gladys Porter, Muskogee, Okla. W. W. Turner, Muskogee, Okla. Ben Gotla, Jr., Ft. Smith, Ark. Mrs. Elzsa Branom, Muskogee, Okla.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Public: To the friends and clients of the law firm of Martin-Roberts, I feel that it is but just to you to announce that, due to the fact Mr. Martin, the senior member of the firm has accepted the office of Deputy Sheriff, the partnership is dissolved. We wish to thank you very heartily for your patronage, and I beg your further consideration when you have legal matters to be looked after, that I may share with my other brethren in doing you honest, efficient service.

I am yours for the race, J. H. ROBERTS.

Young Rowe In Limelight Again

FLOGGS DRUNKEN WHITE MAN WHO ASKED HIM TO COMMIT CRIME

Annoyed so Much That He Was Forced to Close Hankins' Eyes and Batter up His Face Beyond Recognition.

The particulars were learned today about the alleged holdup and robbery of Dave Hankins, who is at the P & S hospital, where he was taken Sunday night after being found badly beaten up in a drug store at Cincinnati avenue and Archer street.

Douglass Rowe, Negro, who shot Detective Ed Rice, last May, admitted soon after his arrest this morning that he is the man who beat Hankins up. He said that Hankins came to him in an intoxicated condition and wanted him to assist him in holding up a joint, and after trying to get away from Hankins, was forced to strike him several times.

Hankins yesterday made a statement that he was held up, robbed and beaten by two Negroes in an alley on North Boston avenue. He claimed that they secured till the money on his person, which amounted to about \$2. Rowe showed Chief Burns his hand during the fight. He said he tried several times to get away from Hankins, but that Hankins was so persistent that it was necessary for him to beat him up or take his abuse.

Hospital authorities said this morning that Hankins would be able to leave his ward in a few days, that his face would be in condition such as would not cause any danger. His right eye and the lower part of the left side of his face is bruised beyond recognition. Witnesses to the fight say that there was no attempt at hold up, and that it was all the result of Hankins' drunken condition.—Democrat, Jan. 5.

Wants His Children To Read

Bristow, Okla., Jan. 2, 1915. Hon. A. J. Smitherman, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:— I enclose you \$1.25 for your offer No. 3 to be sent to my children as follows: Tulsa Star, J. H. Hamilton, Jr. Hearth and Home, Bessie Hamilton. Farm Life, Napoleon B. Hamilton. Household Magazine, Virginia Hamilton. Send these as directed, I do this to encourage the little fellows to read.

Fraternally yours, J. H. HAMILTON. The above letter from Mr. Hamilton expresses a sentiment that should be shared in every Colored home in Oklahoma. Now let us hear from more parents. We are offering three popular Magazines with our paper, all one year for \$1.25. Write today.

Tulsa Hass Only Colored Detective Ass'n

The only Colored Detective Association known of in the country will soon be equipped and operated in this city, headed by Barney Cleaver, ex-deputy sheriff, who has a wide reputation as a criminal catcher. A competent set of assistants will be employed and a Continued on page eight.

State Legislature Starts Off in Harmony Session

County Dads Are Sworn In

Colored Lawyer Becomes Deputy Sheriff

The newly elected County Officers were sworn in and took up their respective duties Monday morning and several appointments were made. One of the appointments which has attracted much attention was that of Freeman L. Martin a local lawyer who was appointed deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Wooley. It was rumored last week that lawyer Martin was an applicant for the place formerly held by Barney Cleaver, but few people believed it was true. Jake Dillard a former patrolman under Chief Yoder was an applicant, but Martin beat him to it. The law firm of Martin and Roberts is now dissolved, one of the members being engaged in catching criminals, while the other will be more than ever engaged in defending them.

Mob Lynches 2 Negroes

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 4.—Ed and Will Smith, Negroes arrested last Thursday charged with implication in the assassination of R. A. Stilwell, a farmer of Elmore County, were taken from the jail at Wetumpka, Ala., early today and lynched by a mob of fifteen or twenty men.

About one-thirty this morning a mob, masked and armed, entered the jail, overpowered Sheriff Jackson, bound him to a chair and forced the Negro trusty to unlock the cells of the two Negroes. With the prisoners carefully bound, the men departed. Details are meager as to what occurred after their departure. The bodies have not yet been found.

Soon after reports reached the governor's office that a mob had overpowered the jail attaches and removed the Negroes, Montgomery military men hurried toward the scene in automobiles. They were too late to prevent the lynching. Stilwell was shot several days ago while guarding his barns against thieves, blood hounds lead directly, it was declared to the cabin of the Smiths.

Immigration Bill Cause Protest

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Protests against the senate amendment to the immigration bill providing for the exclusion of members of the African race from the United States have begun pouring in at the White House. The President will not indicate his position until the house acts on the provision and the bill is finally sent to him for his signature or veto.

The State Legislature convened its fifth session at high noon Tuesday with promises of a good business session. The factions which marked the beginning of the last session seem to have no part in this session, but there is no telling what will develop before it is over. Many of the members of the last legislature are back in their seats and there are prospects of much real good work being done. Speaker McClory and Speaker pro tem W. A. Durant the war horse from Bryan county, who was speaker of the house for the first legislature and Tom Hunter, chairman of the house caucus will no doubt be the leading figures in the house of representatives while Senator E. L. Mitchell, president pro tem of the Senate will take the leading role in that body. Altogether both branches of the legislature are made up of broad minded men who will try to accomplish the most good for the common people.

It is hoped that the members of this legislature will see the fairness of demands of the Colored people of this state for a State Reform School or Reformatory for Colored boys and girls. Such an institution is maintained in this state for white boys and girls, but no provisions have been made for Negroes. It is imperative that the great State of Oklahoma, through her able representatives take some steps looking to the betterment of the originally inclined youth of the Negro race as well as the white race, and to do this it is necessary that a reform school or a reformatory be established for Colored youths or some arrangements be made to take care of them in this kind of institution now maintained by the state for the white youths. The Colored people all over the state are anxiously waiting to see what the members of this legislature will do for them.

J. Milton Turner Will Address Business League Sunday Afternoon

The local Business League next Sunday will render probably the most interesting program ever arranged by the program committee, inasmuch as one of the most interesting Negroes in America has been engaged to deliver an address in the Dreamland Theatre. This very interesting character is none less than Hon. J. Milton Turner, the first Colored man to hold a foreign diplomatic commission from the U. S. government. He was Ambassador to Liberia under the Grover Cleveland administration and is well known to the Indians and Freedmen of this state, having transacted much legal business for them. Mr. Turner is the oldest Negro lawyer in the United States. Every Colored man and woman in Tulsa should hear him Sunday afternoon. Following is the program:

- 1 Music ..... Audience
- 2 Invocation ..... Audience
- 3 Music ..... Audience
- 4 Quotations ..... General
- 5 Instrumental Duet... J. P. & Hustina Netherland
- 6 Address ..... Hon. J. M. Turner, St. Louis
- 7 Vocal Solo ..... Miss Curtis
- 8 General Discussion of the Address
- 9 Benediction